

OPINION 999

PLAUTUS BRUNNICH, 1772 (AVES): SUPPRESSED
UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Plautus* Brunnich, 1772, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *Alle* Link, 1807 (gender : feminine), type-species, by monotypy, *Alca alle* Linnaeus, 1758 (Name No. 1979);

(b) *Pinguinus* Bonnaterre, 1791 (gender : masculine), type-species, by designation by Ogilvie-Grant, 1898, *Alca impennis* Linnaeus, 1758 (Name No. 1980).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *alle* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Alca alle* (type-species of *Alle* Link, 1807) (Name No. 2501);

(b) *impennis* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Alca impennis* (type-species of *Pinguinus* Bonnaterre, 1791) (Name No. 2502).

(4) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *Plautus* Klein, 1760 (published in a non-binominal work) (Name No. 2008);

(b) *Plautus* Gunnerus, 1761 (published in a non-binominal work) (Name No. 2009);

(c) *Plotus* Gunnerus, 1761 (published in a non-binominal work) (Name No. 2010);

(d) *Plautus* Brunnich, 1772 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) (Name No. 2011).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.)1911)

The present application was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Dean Amadon, Dr. Eugene Eisenmann, Dr. George E. Watson and Dr. Alexander Wetmore in November 1969. The application was sent to the printer on 10 March 1970 and was published on 10 August 1970 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 27 : 110-112. Public Notice of the possible use by the Commission of its plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184). No comment was received. One correction was made by Dr Eisenmann—the generic name *Pinguinus* is masculine, not feminine as stated in proposal (2)(b).

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 1 June 1972 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (72)12 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 27 : 111-112. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 1 September 1972 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-two (22), received in the following order: Munroe, Vokes, Holthuis, Lemche, Mayr, Eisenmann, Habe, Bonnet, Corliss, Heppell, Melville, Alvarado, Erben, Sabrosky, Tortonese, Nye, Bayer, Forest, Willink, Binder, Starobogatov, Ride

Negative votes—none (0)

Voting Papers not returned—one (1) : Simpson

Commissioners Brinck, Jaczewski and Kraus returned late affirmative votes.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

Alle Link, 1807, *Beschr. nat.-Samml. Univ. Rostock* 2 : 46

alle, *Alca*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) 1 : 131

impennis, *Alca*, Linnaeus, 1758, *Syst. Nat.* (ed. 10) 1 : 130

Pinguinus Bonnaterre, 1791, *Ency. Méth.* (Ornith.) 1 : lxxxiii

Plautus Brünnich, 1772, *Zool. Fund.* : 78

Plautus Gunnerus, 1761, *Trondheimske Selskabs Skrifter* 1 : 263

Plautus Klein, 1760, *Historie der Vögel* : 154

Plotus Gunnerus, 1761, *Trondheimske Selskabs Skrifter* 1 : 263

The following is the original reference for the designation of a type-species for a genus concerned in the present Ruling:

For *Pinguinus* Bonnaterre, 1791; Ogilvie-Grant, 1898, *Cat. Birds Brit. Mus.* 26 : 562

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (72) 12 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 999.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

15 January 1973